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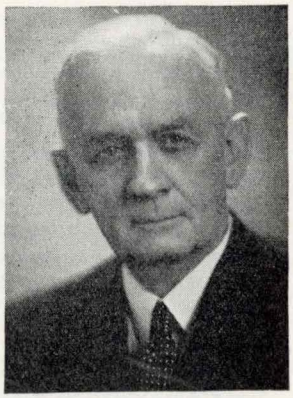
CANADA WILL SHARE IN RAISING Y.M.C.A. WORLD YOUTH FUND



H. R. FROST, K.C.

Canada is to share in the campaign to raise $8,657,932 toward financing a world-girdling program to build and re-equip Y.M.C.A.'s in war-ravaged countries, it was decided at a special meeting of the Canadian National Council Executive held in Toronto on April 13, under the chairmanship of Harold R. Frost, K.C.

The "go-ahead" signal for the drive was given at the 45th International Convention of the Y.M.C.A.'s of North America, held in Atlantic City, March 15-17. Fifty-eight Canadian delegates from 17 Canadian Associations discussed Canada's place in the fund at a special "Canadian Meeting," and without dissenting vote, decided to recommend to the National Council Executive that the Canadian Associations approve the campaign. An interim committee, with John B. Frosst as chairman, was named to recommend the next steps.

More than one million dollars of the fund will be allocated to the rehabilitation of Y.M.C.A. buildings damaged by military operation, it was announced at Atlantic City. Half a million dollars will be earmarked for immediate use for the relief of Y.M.C.A. secretaries located in devastated war areas. Bulk of the funds will be used for the rehabilitation of properties abroad. More than two million dollars will be used to take care of deferred needs in Asia and Europe. The restoration fund will also place $598,000 at the disposal of foreign Y's to cover program materials and equipment, war emergency services and production of morale literature.

Among the countries to which aid will be carried are: Holland, Poland, Czechoslavakia, Germany, France, Greece, the Phillipines, Korea, China, Japan and Siam. More than 600 Y.M.C.A. secretaries have been sorely hit by the war, it was reported. Many of them have lost everything they possessed. Included in the plan of restoration is the spending of $77,400 to send American (and Canadian) Y workers to Europe and Asia to aid foreign workers. Close to half a million dollars would be used in the United States to extend the services of the Y.M.C.A. and to help solve social problems disrupting communities throughout the country; similarly, a sum will be used in Canada for rehabilitation of war services personnel, for research and for extension into new communities. The name of the appeal is to be "The Y.M.C.A. World Youth Fund."

Eighty-three Y buildings in Europe and the Far East were severely damaged or destroyed by war action. Forty of the buildings were reduced to rubble. To cover the estimated cost of repairs of bombed or partially destroyed buildings, $647,000 will be allocated to be spent for the creating of temporary headquarters to re-establish Y.M.C.A. functions.

Staff School Majors on Specifics

DEAN H. F. HALL

Dr. Charles W. Bishop has been secured to lead the course in Christian Philosophy at the Y.M.C.A. Staff School to be held at Lake Couchiching, August 24 to September 10. Dr. Bishop has a national reputation as a teacher and leader in the field of a modern, constructive interpretation of the life and teachings of Jesus.

Emphasis on specifics will also be made in Group Work Supervision, and Leadership Training; Camp and other summer programs; Counselling; Program Techniques for the 15-24 year old age group in physical and non-physical activities; and Principles of Physical Education. Emphasis will also be placed on giving a brief but adequate background of a sound philosophy in all the courses taught.

Dean Henry F. Hall and the National Council staff are making good progress in completing the school leadership. It is certain that this 46th School will be intensely practical and at the same time based on the best known educational practice and philosophy.

It is urged that all secretaries, junior and senior, make the School a "must."

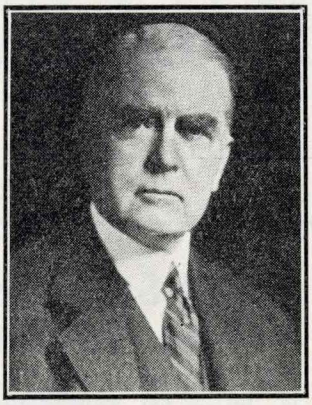
FLASH!

New Y.M.C.A. in Brockville

At a public meeting held in Brockville recently, a resolution endorsing the organization of a Community Y.M.C.A. was unanimously passed. An Executive Committee of eight leading citizens was approved and given power to add to its numbers and establish a Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors.

Dr. J. L. Carroll, who has worked to bring about a Y.M.C.A. programme in Brockville, was made Chairman of the Committee. The Executive is planning for a financial campaign in June.

Canadians Impressed by Meeting Of World's Alliance



DR. JOHN R. MOTT

Taylor Statten and Clifford A. Schell, National Council representatives who attended the meeting of the World Alliance of the Y.M.C.A.'s at Geneva, Switzerland, have returned to Canada safely, inspired and challenged by the vastness of the tasks discussed at the great gathering.

Sessions were held in the World's Alliance building, situated on the waterfront at Geneva. Ninety delegates were present from 35 countries. Alliance President, Dr. John R. Mott, presided at most of the sessions, relieved now and then by the two vice-presidents, Dr. John Forrester-Paton of Scotland, and Pastor Alphonse Koechlin, Switzerland. Languages spoken were English, French and German.

Taylor Statten said: "The first thing that impressed me was the smallness of the world. People were at Geneva from all parts of the world, travelling there by air in a remarkably short time. My second impression concerned the variety of the types of Y.M.C.A. work done in different countries. No two countries seemed to carry on the same type of Y.M.C.A. activities. Thirdly, I was impressed with the fact that Great Britain's government has given the Y.M.C.A. full recognition, granting sufficient funds to appoint 14 area supervisors in one case, and in another, through the King George Jubilee Trust, the financing of summer camps for three years. My fourth big impression related to the growth of the camp movement in Britain and Europe. The Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A. jointly are now looking for four camp sites for youths 14 to 20 years of age. The whole camp movement is undergoing a revolution. Democratic ways are replacing methods of regimentation. They are beginning to see that democracy can be taught by actual living in camps."

Restoration of the German National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. to active membership in the World's Alliance was one of the actions taken at the Geneva conference. "With gratitude to God we resolve that we extend the hand of fellowship to the Y.M.C.A.'s of Germany, and do hereby restore to membership in the World's Alliance, the German National Alliance," the resolution read. Under Hitler all physical and social activities of the Y.M.C.A. had been banned. A letter from the president of the German National Alliance was brought before the convention.

The World's Committee, Mr. Schell explained, has a special duty in relation to the extension and world service of the Y.M.C.A. Movement throughout the world. The responsibility of surveying and discovering resources to meet new calls should more and more rest upon the World's Committee. A statement of function said "it is undesirable for the World's Committee to assume administrative responsibility for a unified world service program, but it should perform an essential function in advising, in co-ordinating and in stimulation of planning from a world point of view. The World's Committee is also called upon to encourage the initiation and to assist in the development of international and co-operative projects such as the training of secretaries, and the promotion of better understanding between the East and the West and between various nations and cultural groups."

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What is Happening to Y.M.C.A. War Services Supervisors

The question is asked: "What is happening to the hundreds of supervisors, officers and civilians who have been engaged with the Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services since the outbreak of war?"

In the total war period 1,776 men and 194 women applied for work with the Y.M.C.A. War Services. Of that number 885 men and 121 women were approved.

The total number of actual appointments was 663 men and 119 girls. Postings for overseas service numbered: 198 supervisors, 69 male civilians and 57 hostesses.

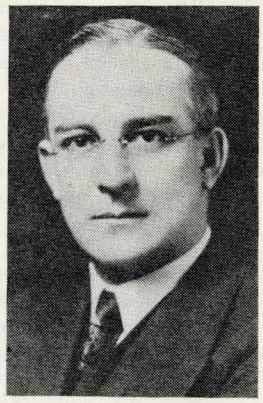
At the end of 1945 there were employed in Canada 162, in Newfoundland four, and overseas 125.

By April 1, 1946, the number overseas had dwindled to 74. In Canada there were 53.

For the past nine months T. A. Dimock has been actively engaged in securing information about post-war employment, and in counselling supervisors released in Canada and who have returned from overseas, with respect to their post-war employment.

There has been no problem with many—they have simply returned to their pre-war posts either with the Y.M.C.A. or with their former employers. Others were ready for a change. Local General Secretaries have given Mr. Dimock excellent co-operation in helping to re-establish supervisors.

The latest word from Ottawa is that Y.M.C.A. services will be continued in army camps and barracks areas until June 30. At that time, all services to armed forces personnel in Canada will end, but service to personnel overseas is to continue till the last man moves home.



J. Y. MURDOCH, K.C.

At the moment certificates of war service and Y.M.C.A. War Services Badges are being distributed to all supervisors and hostesses who have been honorably released from their war services. These certificates bear the signatures of James Y. Murdoch, K.C., chairman of the Y.M.C.A. War Services Executive Committee; and John W. Beaton, Senior Secretary for War Services.

Y.M.C.A. Serves with Occupation Force in Germany

Clifford A. Schell, of the National Council staff, is back in Canada after a week in Switzerland at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the World's Alliance of the Y.M.C.A.'s, a week in Germany, Holland and France, and 10 days in England. On his return he said he was "prouder than ever of the Y.M.C.A." and convinced that the war service achievements of the Y.M.C.A. have been remarkably successful.

C. A. SCHELL

In a Chevrolet car, Schell and Arthur Buckley, Force Director of Y.M.C.A. War Services in North West Europe, drove from Geneva through France and Germany, passing through Strasburg, Frankford, Mannheim and Hanover. "Two impressions of that journey remain with me," he said. "One is of the widespread demolition of the German cities. The other is the stoical attitude of the German people. What was going on in their minds, behind that stoicism I don't know. They had expressionless faces."

"At Oldenburg, Germany, there was so much Canadian Y.M.C.A. activity it looked as if the Y had taken over the city," he reported. "The Y was operating two cinema theatres, for servicemen only. They were running a beauty shop for women in the forces. Farther down the street there was a barber shop run by the Y. Along a bit was a tailoring shop, turning out 100 units a day. The Y was operating a shoe-shine shop and a coffee and doughnut bar. There was a Beaver Club, once a German restaurant, now turned into games rooms, library, information bureau and checking service. A 10-piece orchestra played in the restaurant. Afternoon tea and dinner was served. There was a room for handicrafts. Elsewhere in the city the Y was running an Academy of Music, giving servicemen piano lessons. The Y was in the hospitals, too, and in the summer they operate a swimming pool."

From Oldenburg, Schell went on to Aurich, Germany. There in the court house where Kurt Meyer was tried, he found Canadian Y.M.C.A. blotters on the desks used by lawyers. A "Dominion Club," run by the Y, was in full swing. It used to be a German naval permanent barracks. Now it looked just like a Y.M.C.A. you might find in any Canadian city. There were craft shops, restaurant, camera club, lounge rooms, etc., on the three floors. A Y's Men's Club, the only one organized in the Canadian forces, was meeting there.

At Amsterdam, Holland, the final hockey game between Divisional and Brigade teams was being played as Schell arrived. General Chris Vokes praised the work of the Y in organizing sports events. In the city was a club called the Colonial Institute. Its work was helping men on leave, and providing concerts, movies and other recreation. Y activity was going on at the Hague, too.

Much of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. activity in Great Britain had been discontinued by the time Mr. Schell arrived there. There are still some operations in and around London. At Yorkshire the Y is working with the Air Force. Centres are being operated yet at York and Harrogate, and at two Air Force depots at Leeming and Topcliffe. "Bronco" is still providing canteen supplies for all the voluntary associations.

"Three general impressions are with me: (1) the cordial relations between the four voluntary organizations in war service, all of whom have done worthy service; (2) there is general approval of the work the Y.M.C.A. has done; and (3) there exists a fine spirit of unselfishness and loyalty among our staff overseas."

Personnel Changes

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Bennett, G. J., Physical, Woodstock, Ont; Dawson, Gerald, Asst. Phys., Windsor, Ont.; Faulkner, Murray, Fellowship, Halifax, N.S.; Ideson, Allan S., Boys-Phys., Toronto Lakeshore; Scott, G. B., Physical, Orillia, Ont.

TRANSFERS

Chisholm, J. C., from Supervisor, War Service, to Asst. Boys, Vancouver; Cragg, Norman F., from Supervisor, War Service, to Boys (City-Wide), Vancouver; Marks, Don, from Supervisor, War Service, to Program, Montreal N.D.G.; Marshall, Ken, from Supervisor, War Service, to Adult Program, Ottawa; Morrison, R.K., from Supervisor, War Service, to Program, Victoria; Thorsen, Per, from Health, Winnipeg, to Asst. Phys., Winnipeg; Walden, Ralph, from Supervisor, War Service, to Young Men's, Edmonton.

RESIGNATIONS

Freeze, Dave, Fellowship, Calgary; Good, Don, Asst. Boys, Calgary, to go into business; Luyendyk, Walter, Program, Calgary, to attend University of B.C.; Walker, John, Program, Montreal, N.D.G., to go into business; Wilson, Gordon, Community, Vancouver, to attend University.

Thanks!

Just before he left Canada, Right Honorable Malcolm MacDonald, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Canada, wrote the following letter to Mr. J. W. Beaton, Senior Secretary for Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services:

"I have been asked by the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom, to thank you, most sincerely, and through you all those associated with the Canadian Y.M.C.A.'s War Services Fund, for the very generous help which you gave to our people during the war.

"I am well aware of the personal sacrifice which that work meant for the members of your organization and I should like you to know that, among the people of the United Kingdom, there are countless men, women and children who remember with profound gratitude the kindness of friends in Canada during the difficult years of war. That manifestation of your friendship with us, of your faith in our common cause, was a constant source of courage and inspiration to us both at home and abroad."

Y's Men's Clubs Increase

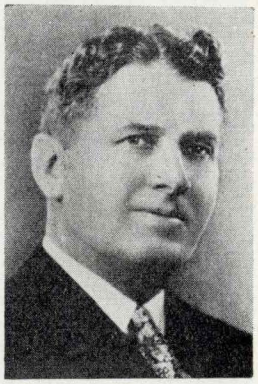
Charles Johnson, the Chairman of Y's Men's Extension for Canada, has a busy time these days keeping in touch with the rapidly expanding Y's Men's Movement in Canada.

During the past year, new clubs were organized at Ottawa, Ontario; Woodstock, N.B.; Digby, N.S.; Thamesford, Ontario; Belleville, Ontario; a second club at Kitchener-Waterloo and recently the Charter Night was held for the West Saint Y's Men's Club. A report shows that the Sudbury Club has sponsored a club at Timmins, Ontario, and arrangements are being made to hold their charter night, while prospects are bright for new clubs in Vancouver, Regina and Brandon.

One of the most interesting developments in the past year has been the organization of clubs in communities where no other form of Y.M.C.A. exists. When Timmins Y's Men become chartered it will make five communities having a Y's Men's Club but no other form of association services. These communities are: Timmins, Thamesford in Ontario; Digby in Nova Scotia; Woodstock in New Brunswick; and Summerside in P.E.I.

War Service Centres in Canada Have Served Millions

After long and valued service many Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Clubs and hostels across Canada are "folding up." H. Jasper Humphrey, President of the National Council, was present at the closing ceremonies of the Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Hostel at Halifax. John W. Beaton, Senior Secretary for Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services, attended the closing exercises at Montreal, Truro and Ottawa. Mr. Justice Roy Kellock was present at the final ceremonies at Ottawa's Red Triangle Club.



H. JASPER HUMPHREY

More than 4,500,000 services were rendered at Montreal's Red Triangle Club during the seven years of its existence. A capacity audience, composed of both active and discharged men and women, heard the Club's last Sunday night entertainment program. Rev. T. W. Jones, of Calvary United Church, paid warm tribute to the volunteer women who had rendered great service to the club during the war years. J. W. Beaton said that the closing of such clubs throughout Canada was a "sad series of moments." Success of the clubs had been due, he said, to the work "of the right kind of women who counted no cost" in service to the men and women of the forces.

More than 2,000,000 meals had been served in the club, requiring 15 tons of sugar and nine tons of butter. The volunteers had put in a total of 642,000 hours of service. Mrs. Harold M. Long served as chairman of the women's committee.

Ottawa's Red Triangle Club served for four and a half years. Nearly 1,000 volunteers aided in the work. At the closing ceremonies the Chiefs of Staff of the three armed services, Mayor Stanley Lewis and many distinguished Ottawa citizens were present. Mr. Justice Roy Kellock presided. Entertainment for the evening was provided by the R.C.M.P. band.

More than 4,137,523 servicemen used the Halifax Red Triangle Hostel. (This doesn't mean different servicemen, because many of the men used it many times.) More than 874,000 men had slept in the building. More than 3,263,300 used facilities other than the sleeping quarters. Between 500 and 600 volunteer workers catered to 3,059,494 servicemen in the canteen. Cost of operating the hostel was $997,139, more than $189,400 in excess of the receipts. The difference was made up through contributions of citizens.

MAJOR J. W. BEATON

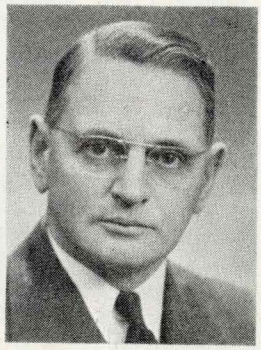
Among those who attended the closing ceremonies at Halifax were H. Jasper Humphrey, President of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A.'s, senior officers of the three armed services, A. W. Robb, honorary chairman of the committee of management, and others.

At Truro Red Triangle Club closing it was reported that in 64 months 90,861 beds had been provided to servicemen, 673,986 meals were served, and three million services rendered. Forty women had served in the "Mother's Corner", and daily sewed on buttons for soldiers, darned socks and rendered many kindly services. Over 310 women were presented with Y.M.C.A. volunteer pins.

At Truro, Mr. Beaton said that the Y.M.C.A. had established 6,000 centres during the war, from Alaska to Hong Kong. He said that 31,000,000 individuals had been served by the Y.M.C.A. during the war.

Second Canadian Hi-Y Assembly Begins August 25th

Taylor Statten, Chairman of the Boys' Work Committee of the World's Alliance, former National Boys' Work Secretary of the Y.M.C.A.'s of Canada, and one of the foremost specialists in camping in North America, will be the keynote speaker at the Second Canadian Hi-Y Assembly.



TAYLOR STATTEN

The Assembly opens at Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, Ontario, on Sunday night, August 25th, and continues through till Friday evening, August 30th.

The pre conference planning committee is chaired by Jack Corrigan of Toronto, and includes a number of experienced advisors of Hi-Y clubs, some young men who attended the First Assembly, and in addition, several members of Hi-Y clubs. They are planning a very full but practical programme and expect that many new program ideas will grow out of the Assembly as well as some essential legislation to guide the Canadian Hi-Y movement for the next two years.

The promotion committee feel that their greatest problem is likely to be that of deciding which registrations to accept because accommodation at the Park will only allow for an attendance of one hundred. They have set the fee for the Assembly at twenty-five dollars which will include room and board, registration and a contribution to a travel pool.

Young Canadian Speaks

Major John Magwood, former Canadian army major who served on the staff of SHEAF, a member of the Board of Directors of West End YMCA., Toronto, as well as member of the Young Men's Committee of the National Council, made a stirring speech titled "Youth Speaks" at the 45th International Y.M.C.A. Convention, at Atlantic City. He made the headlines of the Atlantic City newspaper, and his speech was quoted in part in the New York Times.

Magwood said that "youth won the war, and knows it." He pointed out that 75 percent of the men working on atomic energy are under 40, and half of them are under 35 years of age. "Youth is returning now to civilian life," he said. "It is full of confidence, seeking positions of responsibility, and shouldn't accept dictation from the old and outmoded. Youth will conquer this new world just as it prevailed against Nazism, Facism and Shintoism."

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